

# Wisconsin Medicaid update and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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## Wisconsin Medicaid Adopting Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Visits

Effective immediately, Wisconsin Medicaid will adopt the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 1995 and 1997 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services in combination with Medicaid policy as described in service-specific publications for evaluation and management (E&M) services. Providers are required to present documentation upon request indicating which of the guidelines or Medicaid policies were utilized for the E&M procedure code that was billed.

The documentation in the recipient's medical record for each service must justify the level of the E&M code billed. Providers may access the CMS documentation guidelines on the CMS Web site at [www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNEdWebGuide/25\\_EMDOC.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNEdWebGuide/25_EMDOC.asp). Wisconsin Medicaid policy information can be found in service-specific provider publications or on the Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/Medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/Medicaid/).

### Information Regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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